Expansion of oil refining capacity in the country

1423. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand oil refining capacities during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, what is the present capacity and what would be the expanded capacity by the end of the Eighth Plan ; and

(c) what are the names of the plans where new oil refineries are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) The present refining capacity in the country is 51.85 MTPA including 2 MTPA swing refining capacity of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's refinery at Bombay. The creation of additional refining capacity in the country and their locations would depend on the outlays in the 8th Plan which are still under discussion.

Foreign collaboration in consumer goods industry

1424. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :
SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government to not allow foreign collaboration in the consumer goods industry ; and

(b) if so, what is the number of foreign collaboration approved in the field of consumer goods industry during the last ten years and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government's policy is that foreign collaboration financial or technical for the manufacture of consumer products is not ordinarily necessary. However, foreign collaboration for the manufacture of consumer products is considered selectively on merits if such collaboration is justified taking into consideration factors such as nature of technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and like.

The number of foreign collaborations approved in the consumer goods industry in the last three years is as follows :—

Year	No. of foreign collaboration approvals granted
1987 . .	28
1988 . .	27
1989 . .	24

Information for the period 1980—86 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exemption of small scale sector from price control

1425. SMT. KAILASHPATI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendations of Kelkar Committee on the total exemption of Small Scale Sector from price control ;

(b) what are the decisions of Government on these recommendations ;